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1. Transmittal Letter (1 pg.);
2. A Response to Restriction/Election Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (24 pgs.); and
3. An Preliminary Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pgs.).

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/505,316 for CLONING AND
CHARACTERIZATION OF SLC26A7 AND SLC26A9 ANION
EXCHANGERS
Our Ref. No. 1242/50/3 PCT/US

Sir:

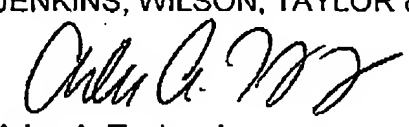
Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application
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1. A Response to Restriction/Election Requirement and Preliminary
Amendment (24 pages); and
2. Preliminary Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages).

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In re Application of: Mount et al.

Serial No.: 10/505,316

Filed: April 12, 2005

Confirmation No.: 2379

For: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF SLC26A7 AND SLC26A9 ANION EXCHANGERS

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Basi, Nirmal Singh

Docket No.: 1242/50/3 PCT/US

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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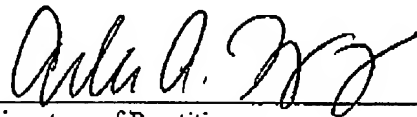
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated October 9, 2007, having a 1-month term for Response that will expire on November 9, 2007. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.